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- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicant encloses a Form PTO-1449, a copy of the International Search Report issued on March 22, 2005 in the corresponding PCT International Application, copies of references AD, AG, AK, AL and AN, and English abstracts for references AD to AM. Copies of references AE, AF, AH, AI, AJ and AM are not (and need not be) enclosed, because they have been transmitted to the USPTO by the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT application.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new patent application.

- 3) References AA to AC and AN are in English. Reference AD corresponds to AA, AJ corresponds to AB, and AK and AL correspond to AC, from which the relevance can be determined in English. References AD and AG have been discussed at pages 1 to 2 of the present specification. Therefore no further discussion of the references is necessary.
- 4) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of references AE, AF, AH, AI, AJ and AL by category ("X" means relevant to anticipation or obviousness when considered alone; "Y" means relevant to obviousness when combined with another reference; "A" means technological background; and "P" means published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed). Thereby a concise explanation of the relevance has been provided (see MPEP §609).
- 5) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 6) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 11 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
Haruyo FUKUI et al.

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